REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, the Examiner requested that applicant supply marked-up versions of the claims, pursuant to current practice. The foregoing represents satisfaction of that request. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner wish any further information, it is respectfully requested that undersigned counsel be contacted. Again, the Examiner is thanked for his diligent prosecution of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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